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Canada Day another big success

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point's Canada Day Committee wound up their work for the year last Wednesday with their evaluation meeting, going through the list of July 1 events one last time to note successes and room for improvement.

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce reported around 950 breakfasts served, with musical accompaniment by the Country Playboys, and with the longest lineups occurring in the final hour of the event.

The Lakeland Pipe Band was "very happy to come and lead our parade," committee secretary-treasurer Deanna Easthope reported. The large contingent of RCMP was a colorful addition, and the Wainwright military personnel and equipment was another crowd-pleaser, both in the parade and at their display at the arena grounds. Elk Point Community Lions were commended on their very organized job of judging well over 40 entries, and many positive comments were heard about the attendance of entries from other communities.

"Lots of kids" enjoyed the new format of children's activities, organizer Laverne Wilson noted, adding that 300 freebies had been given out. "I'll get 600 next year, and we need a fourth face painter." He had "lots of volunteers" to assist with the event, and was very pleased with the outcome.

Despite some problems with the sound system at the Centennial Stage show, this portion of the program was a crowd-pleaser, with spectators staying to the very end and enjoying the variety of singing and dancing. The Royal Canadian Legion, Brownies and RCMP involvement in the flag raising ceremony added a colourful touch to the proceedings.

The Sound Dragons stage show downtown had a smaller but definitely enthusiastic crowd for performances by three excellent young bands, and all agreed that this should be kept in the July 1 lineup for future years.

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Vicki Brooker photo

Hip hop hurrah!

Hannah and Madeline Ludlage thrilled Elk Point's Canada Day stage show crowd with their energetic hip hop dance routine on a bright, sunny July 1 afternoon.

Pet age a contentious issue for town council

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point town council met with Select Engineering representative Bob Hanewich prior to their June 28 meeting to review the 50 Ave. upgrade project, and later that evening, voted to authorize the firm to request tenders for the project.

Animal control bylaw

Elk Point's animal control bylaw is still under review, with one contentious issue being the age of an animal requiring a license, and another, the number of animals allowed, both of these because they could involve newborn puppies or kittens.

"A pit bull jumping over a fence is a problem, but puppies are not," commented Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich. "I don't want to see the six month clause changed."

Coun. Dick Millar said that if the fees and numbers

include animals under six months of age, "I have a real problem with this."

Town manager Myron Goyan explained that the six-month exemption "leaves room for doubt" over an animal's age.

"If six months doesn't work, take out the age thing," Coun. Mark Gormley suggested. "If they're running around outside, they need a license."

"Outside if it's big enough to move around, a dog is a dog," was Coun. Bernice Capjack's view.

Mayor Parrish Tung suggested a compromise. "We could give the owner six weeks to find homes for newborn puppies or kittens, and a home could still have only three dogs or cats or a total of four over that age."

Another issue was whether to charge senior citizens for licenses for their pets. Council agreed that seeing eye and

other assistance dogs should be exempt from license fees.

Campground use

The issue of possibly operating Kehewin Lake part was scratched off the agenda when the province found a lessee for the park, but the town still has their own campgrounds to deal with, and council is wondering if it was a good idea to offer a monthly rate for campsites at the recreation park. Concern was expressed regarding long-term use of sites, preventing their use by those tournaments and other events, or for the play-and-stay packages offered by Elk Point Golf and Country Club.

"What is the purpose of the of the campsite? Is it an overflow for the campground in town, to accommodate workers, or is it a place to enjoy and then move on?" Mayor Tung said. "We need to look at it next February so we have a new campsite policy for 2011."

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Chamber takes a summer break

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce is taking a summer break this year, and held their last meeting until September on June 23.

Town manager Myron Goyan was on hand to report on the number of town-owned lots available for development, and said that three residential lots that had been bought back by the town had already been sold. The town's inventory currently includes four multi-family residential lots, three serviced industrial lots and a highway commercial lot that has an option on it. The town also has unserviced land available that could be serviced if sufficient interest is shown in it.

Concerns regarding the effect of decreased well spacing on the riverside campground, future highway commercial development as well as on the town and its residents were listed as the chamber agreed to send a letter to Canadian Natural Resources regarding their upcoming projects. Copies of the letter will also be sent to the town and to the Energy Resources Conservation Board to make those bodies aware of the chamber's concerns.

Premier Ed Stelmach's visit to the Visitor Information EcoCentre was "excellent," chamber president Sandy Smith said. "He was most impressed and asked a lot of questions." The premier's party had the opportunity to check out the equipment that converts solar and wind power to electricity, as well as the computer program that translates and records the power coming in from these sources.

The EcoCentre is now ready to fulfill its role as a visitor information centre, once an employee is hired. In the interim, FCSS Director Deanna Easthope said she has been answering and taking note of questions from visitors who have stopped at the new facility.

Landscaping around the EcoCentre, including the installation of sod and a post-and-chain fence is yet to be completed.



Beverly Smith photo

Cleanup crews vacuum up oil from a tanker truck that overturned on a curve on Highway 646 near the Whitney Lakes Provincial Park office last Thursday.

Drug trafficking charges laid

By CST. JOHN SPAANS

Elk Point RCMP Detachment

On July 2, Elk Point RCMP executed a search warrant at a residence in Elk Point after receiving information that the occupants of the residence were trafficking marihuana. During the search, members located a quarter pound of marihuana, hashish, currency and motorcycle gang paraphernalia. Cory Gochko and a 34-year-old female, both of Elk Point, have been charged with possession of marihuana for the purpose of trafficking, along with

other Criminal Code offenses. Both accused were released on bail and made their first court appearance on July 8.

Police vehicle collision

During the night of July 7, an Elk Point police vehicle was involved in a single vehicle rollover on Highway 646 near Lindbergh. The member was en route to an emergency call in Elk Point and lost control of the vehicle, causing it to enter the ditch, where it rolled. The vehicle came to rest on its roof on the roadway. The lone member in the vehicle was able to exit

the vehicle unharmed. Investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing. Additional members were called in to respond to the emergency call.

Oil spill

On July 8 at 7:30 a.m., Elk Point RCMP and fire department responded to a single vehicle rollover involving an oil hauler near Heinsburg on Highway 646. The westbound vehicle veered onto the shoulder, causing its load to shift. The driver lost control of the vehicle and it rolled onto its side. When the vehicle rolled, the tank carrying

crude oil was punctured. Approximately eight barrels of oil spilled into the north ditch. The spill was quickly contained by local companies and the vehicle pulled off the roadway. The driver of the vehicle was not harmed during the collision.

Assault on police officer

During the early morning on July 4, Elk Point RCMP conducted patrols at the Stoney Lake Rodeo. During this time, an intoxicated and belligerent male was located and placed under arrest for causing a disturbance. The male was instigating fights with other patrons and was not following directions of police and staff. When the male was returned to the Elk Point Detachment, he became combative with members and tried to drop-kick a Constable while still in handcuffs. The male was controlled and lodged in cells. The 27-year-old Glendon resident has been charged with assaulting a police officer as well as two counts of failing to comply with court orders. The man was taken before a justice of the peace for a bail hearing. However, when he refused to speak to or acknowledge the justice he was remanded into custody. The male's first court appearance was set for July 8.

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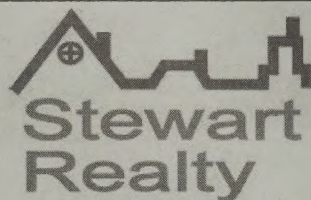
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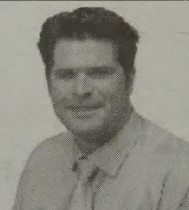
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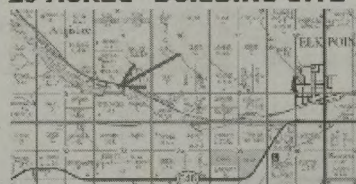


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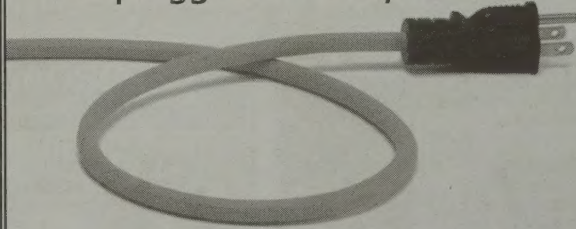


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A sweltering, buffalo-coated clue-finder attempts to correctly unravel the mystery of a baby set adrift on a river back in fur trade days, at Fort George and Buckingham House's first-ever Backroads and Beaver Hats event last June.

Forts set to host July 17 Saskatoon Festival

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With the first two events of the season already complete, Fort George and Buckingham House Provincial Historic Site staff and Friends are looking forward to the upcoming Saskatoon Festival.

The season got off to a chilly, damp start with the Riverland Challenge, which site supervisor Marianne Mack told the June 24 meeting of the Friends of the Forts, did well, despite the weather, with 80 participants.

"It rained, it snowed, some came off the river and went home instead of continuing on, but the comments were still good," event organizer Sheila Thompson affirmed. The pancake breakfast with entertainment and the voyageur canoe that joined the smaller vessels were good additions to the lineup, as was the addition of a second gateway to minimize traffic jams at the launch area.

A new chair for the

Council

(Continued from Front Page)

Alberta HUB

Gony development coordinator Bob Bezpalko recently attended a pair of Alberta HUB seminars. Bezpalko reported that the St. Paul seminar was in the form of a game dealing with counties and small communities, and "walked us through a 30-year time frame. They advocated a regional approach." He spoke with County of St. Paul CAO Sheila Kitz at the event and said the county and the town of St. Paul "are doing an inter-municipal development plan. How can we work with the county? The opportunity is there."

Riverland Challenge is needed for the 2011 event. Thompson is leaving Elk Point this summer, and although she still wants to be involved with the Challenge, says she "can't manage the whole thing from a distance. I think it's important to keep it going, and we can parcel out a lot of the duties to the subcommittees."

Backroads and Beaver Hats, the newest event on the Forts' calendar, got off to a small start, with only one group of ATV enthusiasts trying out the new trail link. The trio were from Medicine Hat and were touring the Iron Horse Trail after learning about it on the website, when they saw the sign along the trail inviting them to a barbecue. A group of horseback riders ventured down the access trail that week and a wagon train is expected to try out the new route shortly, according to staff member Cameron Dykstra, who predicted, "more will be coming now that word has gotten out that you can get here by trail."

The geocache portion of the event attracted "a new and growing market," and is "easy to run, like offering a program," Mack said. "It's likely to continue" in future years. A similar event is held at Fort Victoria. Geocache Canada has a website and guide to upcoming events for enthusiasts, "and we participate in that."

Four teams participated in the geocache, seeking out clues hidden in caches tracked down with the use of GPS coordinates provided at the beginning of the afternoon. The teams then used the clues to unravel a mystery based on an old story about a baby set adrift on a river by its ailing parents. Eric and Janet Schulz of Fort Saskatchewan, who have taken part in close to 1,000 similar events, placed first, with Billy Robson and Glenyce Hughes from Vermilion second and a Cold Lake foursome, Randy and Diane Johnson and Gilles and Vicky Lefebvre third.

The next event coming up at the Forts is the Saturday, July 17 Saskatoon Festival. Event coordinator Donna Chamberland is expecting a number of Red Hat visitors, along with members of the Good Sams trailer group, who plan to arrive the night before and camp in the overflow parking area. Another special guest will be historian and author Bob Beal, and of course, there will be a full lineup of crafters offering their wares, along with the traditional saskatoon pie and ice cream.

Another saskatoon cooking contest is on the agenda, with categories for pies, desserts, preserves and jams. Entrants are asked to call the Forts at 780-724-2611 to register for the contest.

Scrapbooking, facials to assist leukemia victim

By VICKI BROOKER

With files from Janice Huser

Three local scrapbookers have enlisted the aid of their fellow enthusiasts to assist in a fundraiser for a friend whose five-year-old autistic son was recently diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. Jake is in the Stollery Children's Hospital, undergoing treatments and is reported to be responding well, but this is a long process and may take up to three years for his treatments to be completed.

Stacey and Real Fontaine also have another son, Bo, age three.

Elk Point is rallying together to help support the Fontaines as much as possible, and last weekend, the organizers of the Diamond Drillbit Golf Tournament were able to assist with a \$500 donation.

Stacey is a cardmaker and a scrapbooker, so friends Carla Ganske, Jean Ockerman and Robbi Allen decided to host a scrapbooking and crafting weekend to help raise money for them.

Enthusiasts will gather at Elk Point Elementary School on Friday evening from 6 p.m. to midnight all day Saturday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, and Sunday morning from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to pursue their hobbies. All of the registration fees will go to the Fontaine family.

A light breakfast will be available on Saturday and Sunday and supper on Saturday and lunch on Sunday will be provided free of charge.

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Elk Point Elementary School is providing use of their gym as a donation toward the fundraiser, so organizers say, "there will be plenty of room to work." Door prizes and prize baskets have also been donated for draws during the weekend.

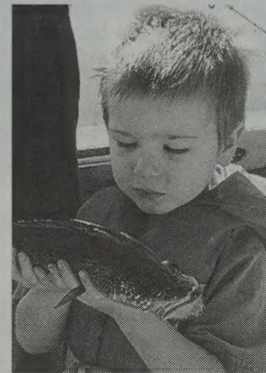
Today is the final day to register for the event, and if you are interested in taking part or would like to help in any way, please call organizers Jean Ockerman at (780) 724-3115, Carla Ganske, (780) 724-2449 or Robbi Allen (780) 724-2124.

Another fundraiser for the family has been arranged by Patty Crawford, who also has an autistic son, Jake's friend Levi. She is organizing a Mary Kay facial event on July 20, at Wally's Restaurant in Elk Point.

The event is set to begin at 3 p.m., and for \$10, attendees will get a facial, along with having their names put in a draw for a \$200 gift basket. There is room for 80 people at the restaurant, but those planning on attending must RSVP prior to July 20, by contacting Crawford. If \$3,000 is raised that evening, Crawford says she is considering shaving her head in honour of Jake.

Free coffee and pizza will be served at the end of the event, donated by Wally's Restaurant.

"That whole day will be all about Jake," says Crawford, who can be contacted by phone at (780) 724-4200 or (780) 646-3778.



Jake Fontaine



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EDITORIAL

Involvement the key

The past few weeks have shown us just how much can be accomplished when everyone gets involved, from the 60-year success story of Ferguson Flats Association to the Elk Point Canada Day celebration to the 48th annual Stoney Lake Stampede.

Two of the three groups have been ongoing for multiple generations, and have carried on even in times when resources were few and progress was minimal, and have built upon very modest beginnings to create facilities to be proud of. The Canada Day committee has benefitted from more affluent times, but has still had to work hard at organizing their annual event.

Congratulations to Ferguson Flats for 60 years of community service, to the Canada Day Committee on organizing another spectacular day of events and Stoney Lake Stampede Association on their magnificent new grandstands, all the result of involvement and dedication.

Way Back When...

Fur trade, facility enhancement, Flats anniversary

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 13 IN...

1985

The fur trade era was re-created when 40 paddlers from St. John's School's Corps Brigade pulled their canoes up to the riverside campground on a trek to Fort Garry, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the National Parks system. Water rationing came into effect, with even-numbered and odd-numbered houses alternating days.

1990

Heinsburg Community Club received a \$40,169.50 Community Facility Enhancement Grant from MLA John Drobot, which would go toward a 22 by 60 foot addition to their hall. Town council bit the bullet and agreed to take the next step toward a new community services centre, spending up to \$5,000 on sketches and a mockup model of the proposed building.

1995

Back-to-back rodeos at Stoney Lake and Whitney Lake packed a wild-west weekend with action, Ted Hehr winning the Bareback at both events. Pastor John McGregor and his family bid farewell to Elk Point and traveled to their Irish homeland for a visit before settling in Saskatoon.

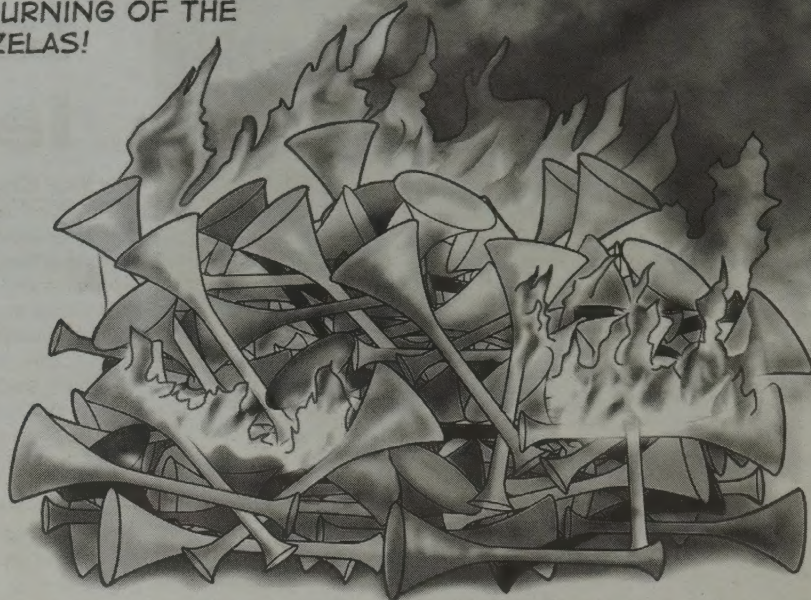
2000

Original members Olive Nelson, Olga Ockerman, Gwen Nelson, Neil Nelson and Ray Hammond were on hand to cut the anniversary cake at the 50th anniversary celebrations for Ferguson Flats Community Club. A group of modern-day Métis voyageurs visited Fort George and Buckingham House historic site and Heinsburg on their canoe journey from Slave Lake to Batoche.

2005

Longtime resident Steve Andrishak, Mayor Parrish Tung, Riverland Recreational Trail Society president Marvin Bjornstad and young brothers William and Christopher Boratynec were flag bearers as the Trans Canada Trail Centennial Relay made its way through Elk Point. Contestants experienced old-fashioned reality as they took part in the second annual Great Family Fur Factor Challenge at Fort George and Buckingham House.

WORLD CUP FINALE: THE BURNING OF THE VUVUZELAS!



GUEST COLUMN

Cultivate

When we think of the word "cultivate", we usually think it refers to cultivating the ground, planting, irrigating, weeding, watching things grow, and harvesting. Actually, the word "cultivate" means "to till." It's like preparing for crops - to manure, plow, dress, sow, and reap. It also means: "To improve by labor or study; to advance the growth of; to refine and improve by correction of faults, and enlargement of powers or good qualities; as, to "cultivate" talents; etc. When I look back at the July 1 Canada Day celebration in Elk Point, the word "cultivate" was really put into action in our community. Many people came forth to volunteer to make Celebrate Canada an awesome experience for those who came to Elk Point on that day. A big thank you to everyone!!!



deanna
EASTHOPE
from the FCSS desk

Now that July 1 is over and we realize it is almost the middle of July, how are you all doing? Kids are home from school and of course they are bored! Again the word "cultivate" comes into action here as well. To "cultivate" is to cherish; to foster; to labor; to promote; and to increase gracious affections; to improve. Does this mean we can possibly "cultivate" our patience, our sense of humor, our manners, or anything else that is of value to us in regard to our family relationships. Yes, remembering those days, when kids are home from school during the summer months, it does take every bit of imagination to have this happen.

So here is our challenge - we are invited and encouraged to cultivate good cheer, happiness, optimism, and good humor. But how? What if I was born moody? What if I'm almost always depressed? What if my parents were negative and pessimistic? What if my friends are mostly "down"? What if I hate my job? What if I'm trapped with laundry, wiggly little children, never enough time, and a grumpy husband at the end of each day? These are all good questions. Now that the kids are home from school during the summer months, this all seems to be multiplied.

The Elk Point Review publishes a variety of opinions as a contribution to debate on matters of public concern. Unsigned editorials express the view of this newspaper's editorial board which includes the Publisher and the Editor. Signed pieces express the view of the individual writer.

Mary Ellen Edmunds in her book: "Peculiar In A Good Way" is quoted as saying: "One thing I've found in my personal quest for good cheer is that I am entirely too quick to blame others for my lack of joy and optimism. The absence of gladness in my life is because of the weather, or a rude person on the bus, or the fact that they still haven't fixed the faucet in the women's rest room, or the reality of another bad hair day. Do you see what I mean? I'm acting as if - and living as if - happiness comes from the outside. I can't begin to cultivate it effectively until I recognize and admit that it comes from the inside. It's up to me!" She goes on to say that she has found several things that can effectively help her to be happier and more optimistic. "One is to consciously think about it." It is simple, but

it might just work. Another significant source of help for her personally is the response she gives to the question, "How are you?" Even if it seems more like a habit than a sincere question, she has learned to respond most of the time with "Happy!" Or "Happy, thank you."

Added to being cheerful is the ability to cultivate a good sense of humor, and the ability to laugh, especially at ourselves. James E. Faust is quoted as saying: "Don't forget to laugh at the silly things that happen. Humor ... is a powerful force for good when used with discretion. Its physical expression, laughter, is highly therapeutic."

When it comes to relationships, we need to "cultivate" the art of being kind, of being thoughtful, of being helpful and of being thankful. When we cultivate all of these qualities, others will see what we have and hopefully they will also want to cultivate these qualities as well. There is a well known story about "The Gullible Gull." It seems that seagulls in a certain area learned to rely for their food on the scraps thrown them by boaters in a shrimp fleet. After several generations, the fleet moved on, and the gulls, who had never been taught to fish for themselves, starved to death. There was plenty of food available, but they didn't have the capacity to gather it because they had relied too long on something-for-nothing handouts. This story can be likened to parents doing everything for their children and not allowing children to cultivate the same qualities parents have learned to cultivate. The bottom line is that "to cultivate" also applies to children.

So there you go. "Cultivate" applies to all.

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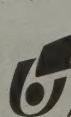
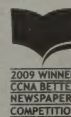
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Treasures of past eras at antique store opening



Jane Dikeman shows a handsome desk and bookcase combination to Ed and Phyllis Pankiw, who were among the many visitors to visit Elk Point's newest business on July 1. Old Castle has a wide selection of antique furniture, along with many smaller items to tempt collectors and those who enjoy decorating their homes with items from bygone years.

Vicki Brooker photos



Randy and Pam Ballas proudly showed off some of the treasures they have in stock at Old Castle Antiques and Collectibles, when they hosted their grand opening on Canada Day. The store itself is a piece of Elk Point's heritage, and served as Elk Point's second Co-op store before becoming the long-time headquarters for PRAG Plumbing, owned by Randy's parents, Peter and Anita Ballas.



Canada Day

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Both the crowd and the contestant list for the Sixth Annual Bear Den Strength Challenge were the largest ever, with the arena sound system the only possible deterrent from and all-out success.

The Farm Survival Challenge was also a major success, with the past champions of the Easthope team doing a demonstration run to encourage teams to sign up. Twelve teams competed with hilarity all around in this definite crowd-pleaser.

Dee Pankiw was thrilled with the abilities of performers in the third annual Canada Day Idol competition, although numbers were down slightly. She was pleased to have a new sponsor this year, who also served as one of the judges. Next year, she will tweak the entry time frame slightly to get entries in prior to the distractions of graduation and exams, she says.

Food service was available all day, with some of the restaurants that have been closed for the holiday in recent years open for part of the day to serve the after-parade crowd. Long lineups were noted at the Elk Point Co-op's water spray park fundraiser, the arena concession and the Christian Community Church pie tent, where over 100 pies were sold, the Elks reported a good crowd for their beef-on-a-bun supper and the Allied Arts sold out their entire stock of hot dogs.

An outstanding and larger-than usual fireworks display wound up the successful day.

All this was accomplished well within budget, with \$8,690 in donations received to June 30, and leaves a small nest egg to cover any outstanding bills that are yet to arrive.

Planning for Canada Day 2011 will begin on February 2.



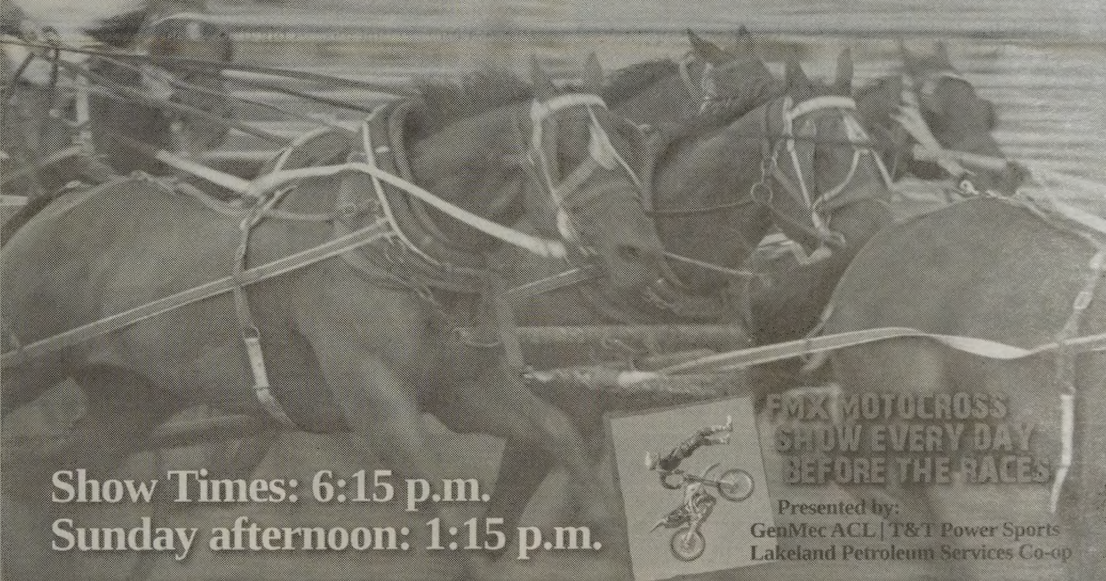
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Canada Day 2010 album



Corbin Poitras and Six Ways to Saturday perform at the Sound Dragons stage show. Angel Down and Mockteerah also performed on the downtown stage.



Rebecca Henderson and Alice Quinney of Frog Lake Star Hoop Dancers perform for the crowd.



Royal Purple members Lenore Bjornstad, Lillian Ewasiuk and Brenda Diesel serve Canada Day cake.



Country Playboys Archie Collins and Arnie Price and their band entertained at the chamber of commerce pancake breakfast. Vocalist Debra McQuinn, right, charmed the Alberta Centennial Stage audience with her songs.



Dee Pankiw congratulates Canada Day Idol Mason Smith and runners-up (left to right) Amanda Marcoux, Madison McGrath and Danielle Morin. At left are Brooke Gormley and Olivia Rose Leaf, who performed in the stage show and in the Idol competition.

Second-generation Highland Dancer Emily Kotowich is fleet footed in the sword dance.



6th Annual Bear Den Strength Competition organizers Roger Smith and Tim Havener and their assistants (black shirts) gathered with the competitors for a group photo at the end of the competition, after Smith presented the \$1,000 first prize to Jeff Mohar of Bonnyville.





Ferguson Flats Association celebrates 60 years with picnic

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Ferguson Flats Association celebrated 60 years of community involvement at their June 27 family picnic, with president Bruno Kummets cutting a cake replica of the Fern Chapel School, the building responsible for the association's founding.

That one-room log school, built by area homesteaders in 1913, was retired in 1949 when the new school was opened. Community residents did not want to lose the old building that had served the pioneer families so well, but it was now under the jurisdiction of the St. Paul School Division.

Local school board members Carl Nelson, Carl Ockerman and John Hillebrand called a meeting to determine what action was necessary to obtain the building and the land it stood on. At that meeting on Nov. 3, 1949, chairman Ira Livingston asked Carl Nelson "to report on the procedure necessary to claim the old school," according to the minutes of that gathering. "A league must be formed with a fee of 25 cents per member. A motion was made by Carl Ockerman, seconded by Fred Lorenson that the organization be called the Ferguson Flats Community Club." A total of 22 memberships were paid and recorded before Livingston was unanimously elected as president, Olga Mikituk (later Ockerman) as secretary – a post she held for all but one of the following 50 years, and Gwen Nelson as vice president. Seven additional presidents, including Kummets, 12 vice-presidents, three secretary-treasurers and a three-page handwritten list of members have been part of the association over the past six decades.

The next year, the community club was incorporated under the name of Ferguson Flats Association, and application made to obtain title to the old school and its site. The association agreed to become joint sponsors, along with the school and the Ferguson Flats Farmer's Union, of the annual picnic. In 1951, the association discussed obtaining the title to the Ferguson Flats Cemetery, with this accomplished three years later.

In 1959, the association had the opportu-

nity to purchase the new school for use as a larger community centre, and canvassed for donations and raffled a curling sweater to scrape up sufficient funds for a down payment. They attempted to sell the Fern Chapel building, but the lone bid was too low. A quilt raffle and 14 dances were held to pay the next payment, with the final payment made in February 1961.

Whist drives, dances, Christmas concerts and the annual picnics continued through the years. Electricity and an oil furnace were installed, but the indoor plumbing was not possible. A playground, baseball backstop and bleachers were added, and the property fenced.

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FFA president Bruno Kummets cuts the anniversary cake.



The afternoon provided fun for all ages, with tours of Fern Chapel School, old-fashioned games and activities for the youngsters, and even time to see how many Flats residents will fit on a single teeter totter.

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Sox to host Tier 1 midget provincial finals

The Midget Sox are playing on top of their game right now. After winning three in a row this past weekend, they're on a real high and finished at the very worst in the top three spots in the Baseball Alberta Tier 1 League, maybe even one or two, depending on a game or two to be played down south at press time.

Great news, but there's better news yet, earlier this past week, Elk Point was awarded the Tier 1 provincial final to be held on July 23, 24 and 25. This is our 10th provincial final, but the very first time we have hosted Tier 1, which is usually awarded to a bigger place like St. Albert, Sherwood Park, Red Deer or Grand Prairie. The winner of Tier 1 goes on to play in Westerns. The boys have finally reached the plateau, so mark it down, and we will have more on this in next week's edition.

Down in Vegreville on the weekend, "Smoken Joel" Campbell pitched a complete game against the host, allowing no runs, with eight strike outs, and only two base hits in the whole game, the Sox winning 7 to 0. Tanner Corbeil launched a two-run shot over the wall, Dustin Berg with two RBI singles, Ryan Keefe adding a couple of RBI on his single.

Saturday afternoon against the big farm boys from Heisler, it was almost like the home run derby at the all-star game. Joel Campbell and Greg Brady getting a dinger each for the Sox, the Cards matching it with two of their own out of the park, the Sox would eventually win this slugfest 10 to 9. Dylan Berg on the mound going five innings getting the win for the Sox, Greg Brady coming in on relief getting the save. Evan "Ernie" Joly four for four at the dish with two RBIs, Dustin Berg three singles, Tanner Corbeil with a two bagger, Jordyn "Tiger" Wozniak coming up with some sensational defense plays on third.

On Sunday, the Sox were on the road again, this time to Edmonton to face the tough SJP Jays, a team that had beaten the Sox in the last round in extra innings, so the Sox came prepared to meet the challenge, the coaching staff sending Evan Joly to the hill, "Ernie" with seven strike outs in six and two third innings earning the win, Chad Brears with the save, the final score 6 to 4. Brett "Bert"

Romanovich with a bunt single and a RBI double to deep center field. Two singles each for Chad Brears and Tanner Corbeil.



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Review Sports

Young local peewee player, Colin "Naz" Nazarchuk, pitching and playing third base with the Bonnyville Braves, won three in a row this past weekend down in Okotoks. The Braves are 19 and 0 for the season, going undefeated into the tier 1 tournament in two weeks time. Good luck to the young "Naz," we will keep you posted after the tournament.

Provincial gold

Gayle Fakeley-Leaf reports that Tiffany Schade and Seanna-Joye Fakeley-Leaf have trained all year for this moment: they have given up time with friends and family to travel to Edmonton every Saturday during the winter to attend the River City Hornets Softball Winter Camp and then played with the Midget B River City Hornets 93 who play twice a week in the Edmonton Ladies League and tournaments on the weekends with a extra practice thrown in here and there. All of their dedication and hard work paid off when their team took gold in the Midget B Provincials on July 2-4 in Leduc. They are now gearing up to attend Westerns in Unity Sask July 30 to August 2.

Mosquito report

Aaron Tremblay says there is not much to report from the Mosquitoes this weekend as they only played one game out of three. They played Goodfish on Saturday morning and lost 19-13 to the 2010 Lakeland Champs. The boys made a great attempt to rally back with five runs in the last inning. They were scheduled to play Wabasca twice this weekend but Wabasca were a no-show so Elk Point got the forfeit for both games, "although we would have rather played the games!" Now it's off to the finals on July 23, 24.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Sometimes in this game, it's as good to be lucky as it is to be good." Last week's answer to: "This should prove that leather is mightier than wood." - White Sox manager Fielder Jones after his 1906 "Hitless Wonders" won the World Series.

Do you have a sports scoop? Please email your news to sportshound007@hotmail.com



Submitted photo

Girls with the gold, Tiffany Schade and Seanna-Joye Fakeley-Leaf are off to Westerns after winning Provincial Midget B Softball gold with Edmonton's River City Hornets.

Athletes off to Peace region

By JANICE HUSER

Review Contributor

About 30 local athletes will be travelling to the Peace Region this month to take part in the Alberta Summer Games from July 19 to 25. Thousands of athletes from across the province will gather at venues in the Peace Region to participate in a variety of different sports.

The province is divided into eight zones, with St. Paul and its surrounding communities falling into Zone 7. A number of local athletes will compete individually in the athletics division, while many others will be part of teams competing in sports such as soccer, football, softball, and basketball.

Also happy to see some of its athletes make the trip to the Peace Region is the North East Alberta Track (NEAT) Club. Eric Laramée, Julie Miller, Alanna Gagne, Chanelle Gagne, Nicole Kitt, and Lindsey MacDonald, all from this area, along with Hayley Lucas of Cold Lake and Grace Kinley of Vermilion, will be taking part in the Alberta Summer Games.

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Gospel band has local ties

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It wasn't a back porch, nor even the Alberta Centennial Stage, where rain was pouring in torrents when the Summerland, BC gospel group rolled into town, but the Backporch Gospel brought a breath of fresh air to Elk Point Baptist Church on Thursday evening with their dynamic combination of bluegrass music and old-time gospel favourites.

This definitely wasn't the first trip to Elk Point for at least one of the band. John Chomlak, who plays guitar, banjo and fiddle with equal skill and is even a passable stand-in for Willie Nelson on vocals, told the crowd he was born here, "delivered by Dr. Miller," and still has family living in the area, some of whom were in the audience. Chomlak's wife, Mary, mandolin player Karl Johansen, lead singer Aggie Woolsey and bass fiddle player Bob Hoskins made up the balance of the band, with Woolsey's husband, Gerry, as sound man.

Hoskins is not a permanent member of the group, but was filling in for another member with a local connection, Del Riemer, whose aunt and uncle, Niki and Ralph Riemer, were also on hand for the concert. Riemer was unable to make the trip because his wife was ill.

Elk Point Christian Community Church and Elk Point Baptist Church joined in inviting Backporch Gospel to Elk Point, with Pastor Bill Kryzanowski welcoming the visitors and giving the opening prayer, and Pastor Jim MacLellan addressing the crowd later in the evening, noting, "we really wanted to have an outdoor concert, and it was very gracious of the Town of Elk Point to let us use the outdoor stage and bleachers."

The band offered a mixture of old-time and modern gospel music, with a sing-along of old favourites, a few bluegrass instrumentals and Willie Nelson's famous "On the Road Again" thrown in for good measure, for an uplifting and enjoyable evening of music and inspiration.



Summerland, BC's Backporch Gospel band is made up of (left to right) Karl Johansen, on mandolin, John and Mary Chomlak on guitars, lead singer Aggie Woolsey, whose husband Gerry (not shown) is the band's sound technician, and bass fiddle player Bob Hoskins, standing in for Del Riemer, who was unable to make the trip.

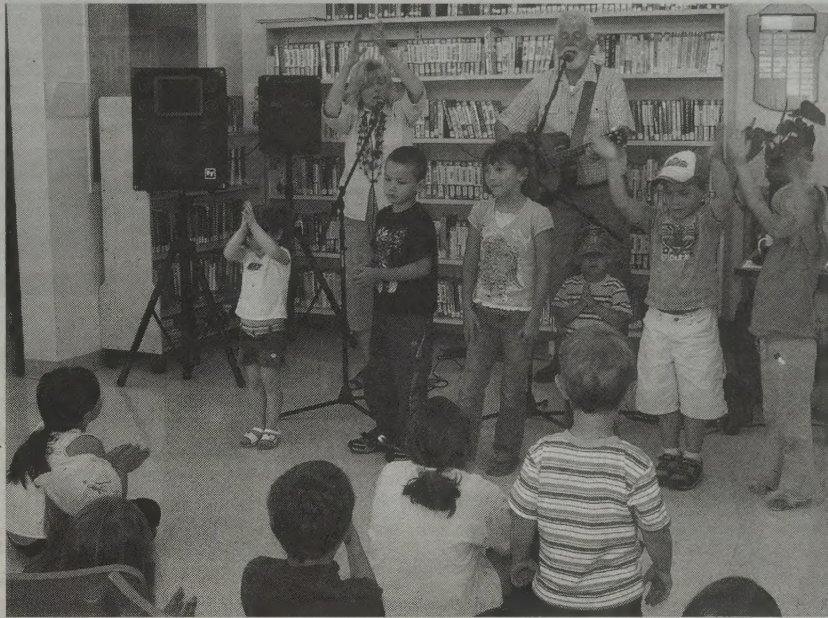
Jungle music @ the library

Children's entertainers Lee and Sandy Paley visited Elk Point Municipal Library last Wednesday as part of a 75-point tour, and got some help from Ethan, Cynthia, Gavin, Alec, Erin and Gloria in one of their "songs from the jungle."

By LISA SHANKOWSKI
Summer Reading
Program Coordinator

The end of the school year means the long-anticipated summer holidays are finally here! It is also the start of the TD-sponsored summer reading program hosted at the Elk Point Municipal Library.

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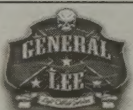
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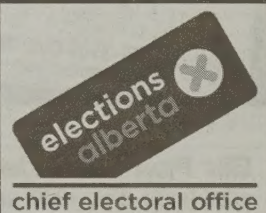
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Library

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Athletes summer

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Other locals competing in athletics include Mark Proskiw, Nicole Kitt and Andrew Doonanco, of the St. Paul and Elk Point areas, along with Donovan Fryingpan, Amber Stanley, Ken Stanley and Louis Stanley, all of Frog Lake.

In softball, local athletes Taylor Cochrane, Katelyn Maennchen and Bree-Lynn Mistol will compete on the girls' side of things.

Cochrane says she first experienced the excitement of the Summer Games when her older sister competed in the Games in 2004.

"I wanted to experience the 'mini olympic' feeling that she did," says Cochrane, adding, "My passion is fastball . . . and I hope this helps me take another step in continuing with my fastball experiences."

On the basketball court, Kris Trach and Zach Smith will compete with the boys' team, while Leigha Bishop of Elk Point will compete for the girls.

This year's Alberta Summer Games will begin at the Peace River Agricultural Society Grounds in

Northern Sunrise County with the opening ceremonies. According to the event website, from July 19 to 22, athletes from across Alberta will compete in athletics, baseball, beach volleyball, canoe/kayak, mountain biking, inline hockey, rugby and swimming.

Then, from July 22 to 25, athletes will compete in basketball, BMX, football, lacrosse, soccer, softball and water polo. Closing ceremonies will take place at the Peace River Agricultural Grounds on July 25.

There are 217 athletes registered in the games for Zone 7, along with 44 coaches and chaperons attending the games from this zone, says Michelle Deering, an official with the Games and Zone 7.

"These games are an excellent multi-sport opportunity for athletes across the province as they get to experience more than just their sport," says Deering, adding, "Zone 7 is really unique in the fact that athletes will come together from many miles to compete as a team and possible for the first time together."

Ferguson Flats

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The FFA celebrated their 50th anniversary along with the Millennium in 2000, with their annual picnic moved indoors due to heavy rain.

The following year, Fern Chapel School was designated as an important historical site and was approved for a \$5,000 restoration grant, and work, all done by volunteers, began on restoring the roof and foundation. Restoration was finally completed in 2004, with dedication of the restored school on Aug. 1.

Since then, the community centre has obtained a new furnace, been

repainted and had its floor, including the joists, replaced. Association members, along with lottery grants, Suncor grants, county grants and bingo earnings, have been responsible for keeping this small community alive, rather than becoming, as so many others have, just a historical memory.

This year's anniversary picnic continued the longstanding tradition, with races and games for the kids, a ball game in which all ages were welcome, a pie-eating contest, the Fern Chapel School open for visits, a quilt raffle and plenty of time to visit with friends, family and neighbours.

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